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Office South Side of Public Square, MEXICO, MO.

Josiah Wright is quite ill.

Judge Ross has the grip.

R. W. Edmonston is in St. Louis.

Joe T. Williams is much better to-day.

The days are getting longer at both ends.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bass, a son.

W. F. Funnell is in Bowling Green on business.

Mrs. R. B. Hooton is here from St. Louis on a visit.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Redlich, a boy.

J. S. Jones shipped one car of hogs to St. Louis Sunday night.

Jacob Maddox, who has been very ill of neuralgia, is much better.

Wallace & Hisey shipped one car of mules to St. Louis Sunday night.

Observation party by the Harveters at Mrs. Laforce's Thursday night.

John Bick, of Rush Hill, was up this week and reports that place booming.

Wallace, Northern & Dowell will ship one car load of fine hogs to St. Louis to-night.

Order tickets from Ferris for Clara Louise Kellogg if you want her to come to Mexico.

Ed Taylor is happy. He gets a slice out of \$500 from the Louisiana State lottery this month.

J. T. Johnson cried the sale of A. M. Trimble, six miles north-west of town, yesterday.

Earl Cunningham is feeding a couple of loads of first-class cattle which he will ship this month.

Mrs. J. D. Hanna, of Vandalia, who has been entertained by Mrs. E. D. Graham, returned home to-day.

John L. Nolan, an old and respected citizen of Vandalia, died Monday. Deceased was 80 years of age.

E. W. Walker and W. M. Walker have a sale at their place, 8 miles north of Mexico, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1890.

Clara Louise Kellogg will not appear here unless 300 seats are sold. Go to Carter's and put your name down at once.

J. A. Potts is home from Baltimore where he placed his daughter, Miss Willie, and Miss Julia Rickette in college.

A dozen prisoners escaped from the county jail at Quincy, Ill., Sunday and the sheriff is offering \$50 per head for their capture.

A. C. Pockham, an old citizen and a prominent business man of St. Louis, died yesterday. Deceased was 69 years old and was a relative of G. D. Ferris, of this city.

A West Point cadet who violates the law against cigarette smoking is obliged to pace back and forth, rain or shine, for twelve hours with a musket on his shoulder.

The Harveters give an "Observation" party to the gentlemen who are honorary members of the society at the residence of Mrs. Laforce next Thursday night. It will be a most enjoyable affair.

It is worth the price of admission to hear pretty Kate Castleton sing "The Spider and the Fly." Miss Castleton and a great company will be at the Grand Opera House Friday night, Jan. 24.

Col. J. R. Nichols, of the Fulton Gazette, one of the very best and brightest weekly papers printed in the State, was in Mexico to-day on his way to St. Louis, where he will attend the editorial convention.

Sam Weil, who has been with M. Blum & Co. for two years, retired from the firm to-day. Sam is a clever gentleman and a genial salesman, with a host of warm friends in Mexico and Audrain.

We trust he will remain in Mexico.

The Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor Society elected officers Sunday evening as follows: President, Miss Julia Morris; Vice-President, Thos. Baskett; Treasurer, Miss Susan Coons; Secretary, Frank Kelso; Corresponding Secretary, Otis Purdy.

Clara Louise Kellogg will be in Mexico at the Ferris Grand, provided 300 seats at \$1 a seat can be sold this week. A dollar a seat is cheap and all lovers of such an entertainment should see Mr. Ferris at once so the guarantee can be made.

Ricketts & Enmons Dry Goods Co. were the largest buyers of shoes at the sheriff's sale of the Frank stock. Look out for bargains; 500 pair at bankrupt prices. dpt wit

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Wm. P. Hooton, of this City, Tries to Kill Himself.

DOWN-HEARTED AND DEJECTED, HE CREATES A SENSATION IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

Hooton Has Not Yet Arrived Home and It is Feared he Has Accomplished the Deed.

EAST ST. LOUIS, January 20.—A young man was arrested at the East St. Louis Relay Depot by Officer Ryan Saturday morning on suspicion and taken to the station. The gentleman stated that his name was Wm. Hooton and that he left his home in Mexico, Mo., about a week ago, but would not state the object of his mission from home. A letter was found on his person which revealed the deplorable condition of the poor fellow's mind. It was addressed to his mother at that city and contained the statement that before the letter reached its destination he would have been no more, as he had become tired of the world and some of its ungrateful and villainous inhabitants. Two bottles of chloroform were also found among his effects. His mother telegraphed from Mexico that she hoped he would return to her. The young man was immediately set free and left on an evening train, but would not say whether he intended to return to his late home or not.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.  
The St. Louis Republic says: A handsome young man, well-dressed, was observed at all observances at the Relay Depot, East St. Louis, yesterday morning. He walked up and down on the platform, in and out of the depot, apparently oblivious of the attention which he was attracting. After his arrival at the station he was more talkative, and gave his name as Wm. P. Hooton, Mexico, Mo. On his person were two letters exactly alike, addressed to his mother, telling her that he was tired of life and would be a dead man when she received the letter, and to collect a policy of \$1,500 which he carried on his life and build herself a snug home. No reason was given for his intended suicide. There were no articles of value or money found in his pockets. Chief Walsh wired Mexico, Mo., and received the following dispatch from the marshal, J. H. Lane: "He is not wanted here for any crime, but his mother wants him to come home." He was at once discharged from custody and left on an evening train for Mexico, Mo., he having a ticket with him for that place. Hooton was given the freedom of the police station and took things very coolly, offering no explanation of the letters found on his person. Two bottles of chloroform were found in his pocket.

Wm. P. Hooton, above referred to, will be remembered by readers of the LEDGER as the young man who made an assignment of his business, which was selling stationery, not long since, and afterwards was arrested and fined \$100 for making improper proposals to a girl from Kansas City, calling herself May Blanton. Hooton has been acting strangely and it is thought for the past month or so, at least that he has a little "off his base." His mother, who is almost crazy from grief, told a LEDGER reporter Monday that she received a telegram last night that her son would be home, but he did not come and it is not known where he is. His brother, "Barney," left Sunday to try and find him, but no clew has been obtained as to his whereabouts up to date, and it is feared that he has succeeded in killing himself. Our information from East St. Louis is that he started home, and that being the case he should have arrived here Sunday or that night at the latest. It is to be hoped that he will turn up all right yet.

HOOTON HOME.

Is Not Crazy, but Has No Statement to Make.

W. P. Hooton, who was arrested in East St. Louis Sunday, with a letter to his mother stating that he was going to kill himself, and two bottles of chloroform on his person, arrived home last night. When a LEDGER reporter called on him to-day he was looking all right and far from crazy. He said he had no statement to make in regard to the matter at all. He has evidently changed his mind about killing himself and may yet take that trip in a parachute to which he so often refers when conversing with friends. He refuses to explain any of his strange actions or the letter he wrote his mother.

In Memoriam.

Fell asleep in Jesus December 2, 1889, Mary Morris Mourning, a faithful member of the Christian Church, a kind, affectionate child and loving wife. She realized what the highest womanhood may become and in adorning the social and domestic world, her influence were all for a Christian life. Patient through long suffering, she held all hearts by her spiritual loveliness, her simple trust and faith in God and, although the journey was long and hard, the rest that He will give is all the sweeter.

Attention, G. A. R.

All comrades at Hancock Post, No. 239, G. A. R., please be on hand next Saturday night for inspection. A. F. R. KID, Com.

B. BALDWIN, Adjutant.

## Down Goes Clothing! GOODS MUST BE SOLD!

We have put our knife in OVERCOATS!

We have put our knife in ALL SUITS!

We have put our knife in HEAVY UNDERWEAR!

We have put the knife in ALL OUR GOODS!

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM!

Now is the Time to Secure the Best Bargains!

REMEMBER, the KNIFE has been Slashed into Everything.

Joe & Vic Barth

At the "Golden Eagle."

THE RINGO HOTEL SOLD.

W. F. Reed Takes Full Charge To-day—The Hotel to be Improved.

On account of the illness of W. O. Johnson, only about a half hour's work has been put in the move to rock the road north a mile to the bridge, but there is no question in regard to the success of the enterprise. Only \$1,000 is necessary and the following amounts have already been subscribed:

W. O. Johnson, \$500

G. D. Ferris, \$500

W. F. Reed, \$250

Mr. Edmonston, \$250

Mr. Reed, the new landlord, says there will be general improvements made in the hotel at once.

Mr. Reed is a genial gentleman, with a large acquaintance, very popular with all who know him and, without a doubt, will make a success of the hotel business. There is some talk of bringing the office down stairs, and of putting in a complete system of sewerage, besides making other substantial improvements as soon as spring opens.

Other people save money by buying of La Crosse Lumber Co., besides getting better grades. Why should you not do the same?

The Physicians' Banquet.

The annual banquet given by the Regular Audrain County Medical Society last Saturday evening was, as usual, a grand success. During the meeting before the banquet, Dr. Wilson, of Thompson, and Dr. Halley introduced two pathological specimens occurring in the practice of Dr. Wilson, which were discussed at length by the society. They were presented to the society.

The banquet was held at McKinley's restaurant. Toastmaster, Dr. Adams.

First toast, "The Regular Audrain County Medical Society." Response by the retiring President, Dr. Fritts.

Second, "Our Microscopical Association." Response, Dr. C. R. Halley.

Third, "Our members in single blessedness." Response, Dr. J. J. Halley, of Benton City.

Fourth, "Our popular epidemic, influenza." Response, Dr. Nichols.

Fifth, "Our young members." Response, Dr. Wilson, Thompson Station.

Sixth, "Our county members." Response, Dr. Roberts, of Laddonia.

Seventh, "Our annual feast." Response, Dr. French.

Eighth, "The druggist." Response, by Dr. Patterson.

Ninth, "The bachelor doctor," called for by Dr. Fritts. Response by Dr. Adams.

Tenth, "The young surgeon." Response, Dr. Tolson.

Eleventh, "Medical advancement in Audrain county." Response, Dr. Welsh, of Laddonia, the newly elected President.

The following physicians participated in the banquet: Drs. Fritts, Halley, Tolson, Nichols, Patterson, French, Adams, all of Mexico; Drs. Roberts and Welch, of Laddonia; Dr. Wilson, of Thompson; and Dr. Halley, of Benton City.

At the regular meeting of the society before the banquet the following committees were appointed by the chair: Ethics, Drs. French, Tolson and Fritts; credentials, Drs. Adams, J. J. Halley, of Benton; and J. W. Wilson, of Thompson; scientific communications, Drs. C. R. Halley, G. H. Nichols and T. B. Roberts, of Laddonia.

Be sure and let La Crosse Lumber Co. to give you a bill. They will save you money.

Dr. L. L. Romans, formerly of Marlinsburg, but well-known in Mexico, died in Colorado of the grip last week. His remains were interred at Martinsburg Sunday.

Dr. Romans was a genial gentleman and a fine physician, well liked by all who knew him. He was only about 35 years old, and leaves a wife, who is the daughter of Jas. Brown, a prominent citizen of near Marlinsburg.

Be sure and let La Crosse Lumber Co. to give you a bill. They will save you money.

Fine Farm for Sale.

Having quit farming, I wish to sell my farm, situated 5 1/2 miles west of Mexico and 1 1/4 miles south of Thompson, consisting of 100 acres, all in cultivation and well improved. Will sell cheap and on easy terms. Good house and good fences.

J. W. RUTTER, 42 mi. Thompson, Mo.

"There is hardly anything like it, don't you know."—Kate Castleton.

## RENIE-COX.

Mr. Edward Renie and Miss Belle Cox United in Marriage.



More pleasant social event has occurred in the West End than the marriage of Mr. Ed. Renie and Miss Belle Cox, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, 14 miles west of Mexico, on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6 o'clock.

Rev. D. J. Mayes, of Centralia, pronounced a beautiful ceremony in the presence of a large concourse of friends.

The next day a reception was tendered the happy young couple at the residence of Mr. Joseph Renie, father of the groom, 5 miles west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Renie will go to housekeeping on the old Gamble farm, which Ed. bought not long since. The LEDGER is under obligations for a big supply of the good things enjoyed by the guests on the happy occasion.

It was not a mere sample of the feast, but a large basketful of dainties.

Following is a partial list of the presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Renie:

One hundred dollar check, father of the bride.

Handsome stand lamp, J. F. Carter and wife.

Silver pickle castor, Miss Eliza Cox and Robert McDonald.

Whisk broom and plush holder, Miss Burge Roberts and brother.

Fair lace curtains, Miss Mertie Cox, sister of bride.

Mustache cup, Lyster Jennings.

Set silver knives and forks, Lory and Vas. Cox, brothers of bride.

Silver butter dish, Frank and Sid Condit.

Pair napkin rings, Miss Lena Cox.

Silver pickle castor, Will Miller and sister.

Silver sugar napkins rings, Miss Nannie Vance and brother.

Pair handsome oil paintings, B. W. Cox and wife.

Silver butter dish, W. Wright and Chas. Gilliam.

Silver sugar shell, W. R. Renie, brother of groom.

Silver pickle stand, Dr. A. H. Cox, of Stephens Store.

Large vase, Logan Robinson and sisters.

Silver butter knife, J. S. Renie, brother of groom.

Silver berry spoon, W. Blythe.

Handsome pin cushion, Misses Cordie and Lizzie Robinson.

Set silver tea spoons, C. A. Jacobs.

Silver sugar spoon, John Gamble and wife.

Elegant rattan rocker, J. T. Miller and W. H. Dempsey.

Shell ornaments, Joe & Vic Barth.

Cut glass castor, C. A. Renie, brother of groom.

Fine counterpane, Gus Renie and wife.

Stand lamp, A. A. Renie, Kansas City.

Water set, W. H. Harper and H. D. Brown, Kansas City.

Fine glass water service, J. F. Carter and wife.

Fruit stand, J. L. Smith and wife.

Half dozen berry dishes, Tom French.

Preserve stand, Miss Kate Gay.

Water pitcher, J. T. Beatty and wife.

Cake stand, Miss Gertie Williams.

Preserve stand, Miss Mattie Pollock.

Pair glass slipper toothpick holder, Tom Wright.

Molasses stand, Tom Dalby.

Salt and pepper shakers, Albert Carter.

Pair towels, Miss Mary Jennings.

Half dozen napkins, Lee Cox.

Pair fine linen towels, Miss Salie Shock.

Elegant table scarf, Miss Eliza Shock and brother.

Pair towels, Wm. Barnes.

Pair towels, Mr. J. H. Shock and wife.

Fine pair blanket, mother of the bride.

Berry set, Jim Crockett.

Fruit set, T. F. Roden.

Fine damask table cloth and napkins, H. Griffith, Columbus, Ind.

Damask table cloth and napkins, don't plates, cups and saucers, set sauce dishes, half dozen teaspoons and leather bed, Mother Renie.

Set China desert plates, Cad Crockett.

Fruit set, C. R. Gamble and wife.

Steel engraving, Conger & Sevier, Centralia.

NO MORE SEWAGE.

Fifth all to be burned—The Public School likely to Have a Crematory.

E. W. Vest, of St. Louis, is in Mexico as an agent for the Engle Fire Closet, which destroys night-soil, garbage, refuse and offensive matter of dwellings, hotels, schools, colleges, hospitals, manufactories and public buildings of every class. These machines are in successful operation in several places throughout the State, and we are glad to know our School Board is looking into the matter. At a meeting yesterday the School Board thought one should be put in at our Public School, and, as we understand it, at the spring election a proposition to erect such a crematory at a cost of about \$1,750 will be submitted by our School Board to a vote of the people of the district. These machines are highly recommended and when the time comes to vote will be thoroughly explained by the LEDGER. Mr. Vest, the hustling and genial agent, is well and favorably known to many of our people and is a reliable gentleman, who guarantees everything he promises. Of course, before a vote is taken a committee will visit crematories which are already in operation at Booneville and other places in the State and make a report to the people of Mexico.

## SEEKING PLEASURE

In the Sunny South, Where the Lawns are Bowers of Beauty and the Roses are in Bloom.

Correspondence of the Ledger.  
COLUMBUS, Miss., January 20.—Columbus, Mississippi, is a beautiful town of from 6,000 to 7,000 inhabitants; finely located and is sought by Northern, Eastern and Western people as a health resort. Its broad streets—120 feet wide—overlooking with large magnolia trees never grow muddy; they are all sand and in a few hours after a hard rain are almost entirely dry. The yards are perfect bowers of beauty, filled with fragrance and perfume. Magnolias, camellias, japonicas, hyacinths, sweet violets and roses of the finest sort adorn every yard besides innumerable fancy beds, just like our June yards in Missouri. Fresh vegetables from the gardens are in demand and the people are putting in their gardens, or were last week before this little old snap, which is the coldest of the season and that is only just enough to make a little ice, which passes away with the approach of the sun. Picture to yourselves, ye Missourians, that while you are shivering around your base-burners are swinging in hammocks upon the galleries. There are many magnificent homes here, a great many houses like the palatial home of Mr. George A. Morris, just south of Mexico, with all the modern improvements of our Northern cities.

We visited the cotton factory at this place and were highly entertained. It has a capacity for 300 looms, is running 140 and will soon have in 100 more; employs 96 hands and turns out 7,000 yards of unbleached domestic in one day. We saw the process, including scarp (starch) from the raw cotton just from the field to the goods in the bolt—700 yards to the bolt. It is a grand machinery.

There are two ice factories here which reduce that luxury to a focus, within the reach of all.

"This is a fine place for schools. They have a fine public school and good private schools besides the Industrial Institute, which has a national reputation. Four hundred young ladies are now attending in full uniform. It is a State institution of enormous dimensions and in the latest style with all modern appliances; it teaches all industrial branches and every young lady is required to learn some branch of industry, whether she may ever need it or not. Each county is entitled to send from four to six young ladies, according to population.

The main line of the Georgia Pacific runs through Columbus, this being the relay point, and a branch of the M. & O. runs into the Tombigbee river and boats ply up and down.

Saturday is the day among the negroes. Our hospitable host drove us through the streets two Saturdays just to see the sights. Thousands of negroes from the surrounding country line and interline the streets in all sorts of conveyances, the favorite one being an old wagon (and nothing much in it) with from four to six oxen pulling it; or else a mule in front and two oxen next and then the cart, frequently a colored woman driving. They are prosperous looking and apparently a peaceful set of people, but this one sight overcomes all the advantages of the South.

Columbus is a great place for amusements. The New Orleans Minstrels and Musin's Concert Company, of New York City, were both here during this week.

The people with one accord are thoroughly in earnest and full of zeal in their religious work, all churches abounding, the M. E. Church, South, predominating. Will write from Birmingham next, but please continue sending paper as soon as issued to Columbus; it takes about three days to reach us.

OBSEVATIONS.

You are saving one profit by buying of La Crosse Lumber Co.

LIBERTY ITEMS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

LIBERTY, Mo., Jan. 22.—Died, the 18th, infant daughter of H. T. Spurling. Funeral took place at the church, conducted by Bro. Jenkins.

Miss Edna Bruce has returned home from Kansas City.

Mr. A. B. Daniel has returned home from Vandalia.

Mrs. Eliza Pickett, of Centralia, has been visiting her son, J. B. Pickett.

Elder Hurenton, of Columbia, will preach at Liberty Church the first Sunday in each month.

Mr. James Surber has bought out Grand Spooling.

Mr. Ed. Pool is quite ill with la grippe.

Mr. Chas. Bruce sold to James Surber one 2-year-old filley for \$150.

L. L. Norton was in this neighborhood last week.

Odd Fellows.

Next Tuesday, the 28th, will be a red letter day for Odd Fellows in Auxvase. On that day they will dedicate their fine new hall in that city. Hon. R. A. DeBolt, of Trenton, Mo., Grand Master of the State, will be present and take part in the dedication. The ceremonies will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m., after which dinner will be served. An address will be delivered in one of the churches of the town at 2:30 p. m., on the subject of Odd Fellowship, by the Grand Master. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

## WALTON-GOUGH.

The Wedding of Mr. Wm. S. Walton and Miss Nora B. Gough a Pleasant Affair.

At 2 o'clock p. m. yesterday Mr. William S. Walton, of Roodhouse, Ill., and Miss Nora Belle Gough, of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Dempsey at the Catholic Church on Clark avenue. The groomsmen were Messrs. Edward Winslow and Patrick Kearns. Bridesmaids, Misses Annie Dermody and Becky McGee. Immediately after the ceremony the party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents on West Monroe